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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Price, et al.

Application No.: 09/266,155

Filed: March 10, 1999

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A
SOUND INSULATING STRUCTURE
AND THE STRUCTURE PRODUCED
THEREBY

Group: 1771

Examiner: C. Juska

Our File: MRA-PT001

Date: April 29, 2002

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action, dated January 29, 2002 (Paper No. 15), in which the Examiner set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Please enter the following Remarks, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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REMARKS

Claims 7-15 are pending in this application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the claim rejections based on Tillotson. Claims 9, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sorrells. Claims 7, 8, 10-12 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sorrells or, in the alternative, under